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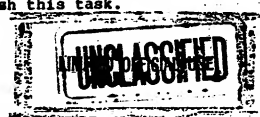
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MEMORANDUM TO: P/D - John Mosher
FROM: P/DH - Saul S. Geffer
SUBJECT: Afghan Media Staff Weekly Report

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1. On December 1, P/DH met with Tony Campaigne of the Mercy Fund who has recently returned from his visit to Peshawar, Pakistan. The topic of the meeting was the Mercy Fund prospects for participating with BU in the Afghan Media Project.
2. On December 3, P/DH issued a memo to P/G, VOA, TV and P/P regarding programming opportunities for Renato Altissimo, Secretary of the Italian Liberal Party, who recently visited Afghanistan, during his upcoming trip to Washington.
3. At the request of William Bode, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Security Assistance, Science and Technology, P/DH acquired a videotape on Afghanistan, "Challenging the Russians", from Thames Television. The tape will be used during presentations at DOD on the Afghan situation.
4. At the request of the Director through C, P/DH contacted Boston University to facilitate a meeting between university president John Silber and David Nicholas, chief executive officer of Independent Television Network (London).
5. P/DH met with M/KG - Gloria Treyes to discuss the negotiations for novating the Hearst grant to BU and extending the term of the BU grant.
6. Gerhard Loewenthal of ZDF and the German media project was in contact with P/DH concerning videotapes that have been shot by its first group of trainees. Mr. Loewenthal will be sending P/DH copies of these tapes.
7. In response to an info copy of a cable from Dhaka requesting pictures on Afghanistan, P/DH has provided P/PEV - John Wicart with photo-negatives on the war to supplement the Agency's collection.
8. P/DH is sending to Boston University a complete set of Dari translations of its training materials. P/DH worked closely with VOA/BRN to accomplish this task.



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9. On December 4, P/DH attended a meeting of the Afghanistan Focus Committee at State. Topics discussed included a proposed visit by government leaders to Afghan wounded at Georgetown University Hospital, Mr. Altissimo's upcoming trip, a WTVS National Geographic special on Afghanistan to air December 14, and Bob Butler's production "Afghan Diary."

10. P/DH, in coordination with PL - Joseph O'Connell and Lesley Vossen, responded to an inquiry from David Barboza of the Boston University Daily Free Press and the Boston Herald concerning the project. Copies of previous articles that appeared in the Free Press on the project were received from Joachim Maitre and distributed to P/D, P, PL, NEA, C, P/G and Hearst.

11. P/DH drafted a response for P to a Z-Gram concerning the status of the project. The response will include information obtained from the recent visits to Peshawar of Nick Mills of Boston University and Tony Campaigne of the Mercy Fund.

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